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Dear Sir:

On June 6, 2005, the United States Patent and Trademark Office sent out an Office Action in this case, which involved a rejection under 35 USC § 251. Shortly before the mailing date of in the Office Action, Applicant filed a Supplemental Reissue declaration to overcome the outstanding 35 USC § 251 rejection. Applicant believes that the Supplemental Reissue Declaration "crossed in the mail" with the Office Action. Accordingly, please consider applicant's previous submission of the Supplemental Reissue Declaration to be fully responsive to the outstanding rejection.

Respectfully submitted,

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